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1. Ordinarily, domestic mail is not censored in Bulgaria, except for that which is addressed to persons who are suspected by the State. Mail going to the Soviet bloc countries is spot-checked, while mail going to other foreign countries is censored in its entirety.
2. The telegraph and telephone lines were expanded after World War I and function normally. All foreign telegrams and telephone calls are censored.
3. The dial telephone system in Bulgaria exists in the following cities: Sofia and its suburbs; Burgas; Stalin; Ruse; Stara Zagora; Gabrovo; Gorna Oryakhovitsa; Dimitrovo; Plovdiv; and Dimitrograd.
4. The PTT (Post, Telegraph and Telephone) administration has a radio-telegraph transmitting station located in the vicinity of the railroad station of Sofia, and a radio-telegraph receiving station located at Kumaritsa (N 42-48, E 23-20), approximately eight kilometers north of Sofia next to the Kumaritsa railroad station.
5. The central transmitting and receiving office of the PTT is located in the Main Post Office building and is connected with the Sofia broadcasting and the Kumaritsa receiving stations by means of an underground cable. Radio telegrams coming from the USSR are received through the receiving station of Stalin. The "Khristo Botev" radio transmitting station of Sofia is located near Vakarel, and has a power of 100 kilowatts. 20-kilowatt transmitting stations are located in Stalin and Stara Zagora. Following World War II, 10-kilowatt stations were established in Gorna Oryakhovitsa and Plovdiv. The latter is allegedly scheduled to be expanded.
6. The Sofia radio transmitting station has a national program which is picked up by the other local stations and rebroadcast. All local transmitting stations are connected to Sofia by means of relays and transmit only local news.

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7. The Army, the Navy, State Security, and Civil Aviation have their own radio installations which are not subordinate to the PTT administration.
8. National civil defense makes use of the PTT facilities and of the military radio and teletype installations.

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